

WHY CAN'T WE SHARE?

By **INDYKIDS STAFF**

On September 17, after a march on Wall Street, demonstrators in New York City decided to camp out at Zuccotti Park in downtown Manhattan. They are protesting the fact that one percent of people control 40 percent of the wealth in the country and have overwhelming influence on our political leaders. Wall Street, which got its name from the wall that ran its length when New York was a Dutch colony, is home to many of the world's major financial institutions.

Protesters have turned Zuccotti Park, renamed Liberty Square, into a miniature city—there's a kitchen where you can prepare or donate some food (they get a lot of pizza!). Laura Gottesdiener, 24, told the *Occupied Wall Street Journal* (the newspaper created to support the occupation): "We're serving more than 2,000 meals per day." There's an information desk, a medical team and even a library which works on the honor system. The protesters sleep in the park. Kids are welcome, and there's a special place where they can make signs.



All decisions are made by consensus (general agreement) at the General Assembly which meets every night at 7:00 P.M. In the beginning, the protesters were mainly students and the unemployed. Now, all sorts of people are involved and there are protests throughout the world.



Parents and kids spend the night at Liberty Square in New York City to protest the huge wealth and influence of just one percent of the U.S. population. **PHOTO:** David Shankbone



Meet ELLA from SWEDEN

NAME: Ella Bakshi, age 7
HOMETOWN: Kista Allévåg
LANGUAGES: I understand Farsi and I can speak English, Swedish, and a little bit of Chinese.
FAVORITE HOBBIES: I like to jump on trampolines and do crafts.
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Reading, writing, math and craft time
FAVORITE FOOD: Nachos
WHEN SHE GROWS UP SHE WANTS TO BE: A fashion designer
WHAT IS A FUN THING TO DO IN SWEDEN?: Gröna Lund! (A big theme park with rides)
INTERESTING FACT ABOUT ELLA: She was born in Seattle, Washington, in the United States.



SWEDEN AT A GLANCE

CAPITAL: Stockholm
LOCATION: Northern Europe, between Finland and Norway
GOVERNMENT: Constitutional monarchy
POPULATION: About 9 million
RELIGION: Lutheran 87%, Other 13% (Roman Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox)
LANGUAGES: Official language is Swedish, but there are small minorities that speak Finnish and Sami
FUN FACT: In 800 A.D. Swedish Viking traders and pirates explored the Atlantic Ocean.
LEARN A LITTLE SWEDISH!
HELLO: Hej
THANKS: Tack
YES: Ja
NO: Nej
HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Gratiss på födelsedagen

Profile courtesy of Sami Korgan

130: That's the number of countries around the world where the United States has military troops stationed

TEN YEARS LATER: Still Waging War in Afghanistan

By **JUDI CHENG**

October 7, 2011 was the tenth anniversary of the U.S. war in Afghanistan. The United States invaded Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attacks. The U.S military and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a group of powerful countries, have about 130,000 troops from 49 countries in Afghanistan, according to the Huffington Post, but most of them are from the United States. A report by the U.S. Geological Survey shows much of the world's remaining oil and natural gas reserves is found in this region.

Tens of thousands of Afghani people have been killed since the start of the war with more than half killed directly as a result of U.S. and NATO military actions, according to Human Rights Watch and the Associated Press. Night raids, conducted regularly by U.S. and NATO forces in Afghan villages, result in unfair detentions (imprisonment) and widespread abuse.



Tens of thousands of Afghani people have been killed since the start of the U.S. invasion. **PHOTO:** flickr.com/zoriah

“Ten years of war has not made Afghanistan safer for anybody except the fundamentalist warlords in the Afghan government, and the Taliban,” said Reena, a member of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA).

IndyKids talked to an organizer from Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER), a coalition of community organizations around the country that was formed after

the events of September 11, 2001. “People in the U.S. must continue to demand that U.S. and foreign troops leave Afghanistan so that Afghans can have sovereignty and peace, just like all people,” said Sarah Sloan of ANSWER.

TALIBAN: A strict Islamic group that controlled Afghanistan from 1996 until 2001.

Corn and Soy Blend Not Enough for Kids in Africa

In some countries in Africa, the children are severely malnourished. The United States provides corn and soy blend to people who are hungry in Africa, however the food does not provide the nutrients kids need. “The U.S. and European Commission must ensure that their contributions to nutrition programs are used to provide children with nutritionally adequate and not substandard food,” says Dr. Unni Karunakara, Doctors Without Borders International Council President.

In Africa, many babies can’t survive because the corn and soy blend doesn’t have the right amount of protein and nutrients that a child needs. There is a medicine that nourishes everybody back to health after eating so much of this, but it is not easy to get (because you need money to buy it). The medicine comes in a little packet and you eat it like yogurt.

Somalia is one of the many countries that is in extreme poverty. Somalia isn’t able to get this medicine because of how poor it is, so a person really doesn’t have any option but to die.

You can eat the corn and soy blend and get very sick and possibly die, or starve to death.



To raise awareness about this issue, Doctors Without Borders has started a campaign starvedforattention.org. Visit the website to learn more.



The United States is the world's largest food donor, but much of the food it gives away isn't good for young children. **PHOTO:** Jaspreet Kindra/IRIN



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Find the following places on the map:

- KENYA
- NEW ZEALAND
- AUSTIN
- CHILE
- SWEDEN
- AFGHANISTAN
- NEW YORK
- PHILIPPINES
- CALIFORNIA
- INDO-PACIFIC OCEAN
- FLORIDA

World Outcry Over Death Penalty for Troy Davis

By **ELAINE MATTHEWS**

Troy Anthony Davis, a 42-year-old black man, was put to death by the state of Georgia on September 21, 2011 after 20 years of court cases and appeals leading all the way to the United States Supreme Court. He was convicted of killing Mark MacPhail, an off-duty police officer, in 1989, but maintained his innocence until his death sentence was carried out. Thirty-four U.S. states use the death penalty for very serious crimes like murder.

Many believe that Troy Davis did not receive fair legal representation during his trial in 1991. Attorneys point out that there was no physical evidence linking Davis to the crime scene and no murder weapon was found, creating doubt as to whether Davis was guilty of the murder.

The Troy Davis case prompted protests, rallies, vigils and debates around the world. Groups like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch believe that the death penalty is wrong under any circumstance because it is “unique in its cruelty and finality” and is subject to errors and prejudice. Others, who believed there was too much doubt about Davis’ guilt, thought that the death penalty was wrong in this particular case.

Ben Jealous, president of the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People, said that this case “brought about conversations in millions of American households, helping to change hearts and minds about capital punishment.”

DEATH PENALTY: execution by a government for a crime. 139 of the world's countries have abolished the death penalty.



A mural in Paris, France, supports Troy Davis, a man who was killed by the state of Georgia. **PHOTO:** flickr.com/Marie Aschehoug Clauteaux

SEEKING: A Job

By **AMANDA VENDER**

Candidates for president in 2012 are lining up to talk about jobs, including President Obama, who hit the road on a bus tour in October to promote a jobs bill. If passed, the bill would allow people and businesses to pay less money in taxes, would spend money to improve buildings and transportation projects, and prevent some teachers and firefighters from losing their jobs.

What’s the problem with jobs? Too few people have them. The official unemployment rate is nine percent: almost one out of every ten working people can’t find a job. But it is higher for certain groups: 25 percent of teenagers, 16 percent of blacks and 11 percent of Hispanics cannot find a job.

NEWS BRIEFS

California’s DREAM Act a Reality



What’s fair: Should kids living in the United States without immigration papers be barred from getting the same help to pay for college that’s available to other top students? The California legislature thought punishing kids for their parents’ decisions was unfair, and so passed the California DREAM Act in October 2011. This law lets undocumented students living in the United States apply for private and state financial aid for college.

Oily Mess for New Zealand



On October 5, New Zealand’s Bay of Plenty was the site of the worst oil spill in the country’s history. After a cargo ship crashed into an offshore reef, the oil it was carrying spilled and polluted the ecosystem. The oil harmed harmed animals such as the little blue penguin and the already-endangered New Zealand dotterel. Whales, seals and dolphins are also at risk from the spill.

Women Win Peace Prize



This year, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to three women: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee of Liberia, and Tawakkul Karman of Yemen. All three activists work for women’s rights, education reform and peace in their countries.

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We are the 99%



When people in New York City held a protest on Wall Street in September, they decided to stay there. The protesters wanted to let people know that they don't like the fact that just one percent of people in the country have so much wealth and power over the lives of everybody else. Since then, people across the country have started their own protest actions to support "Occupy Wall Street." Here are some voices and faces from the protests.



This protester was arrested—along with 700 fellow protesters—during an Occupy Wall Street march across the Brooklyn Bridge. Protesters say that the police guided the march onto the street and then encircled them to arrest them.

PHOTO: Adrian Kinloch

How Kids Can Help

1. Learn more about Occupy Wall Street and ask your friends what they think. Visit: occupywallst.org and parentsforoccupywallst.com
2. Attend a rally in your city in support of Occupy Wall Street. Find out where at occupytogether.org. Make your own sign.
3. Write your own testimonial about how you are affected by the bad economy. Post your photo at wearthe99percent.tumblr.com
4. Donate food and other supplies to protesters in your city. Donations of blankets, bedding, rain gear and warm clothes are needed.

THE 99 PERCENT TELLS ITS STORY

The organizers of the Occupy Wall Street protests created a blog called **We Are the 99 Percent** (wearthe99percent.tumblr.com). The idea is simple: On a piece of paper, write down how the recession affects you, take a picture of yourself holding up the paper so other people can read it, then upload the picture to the website.

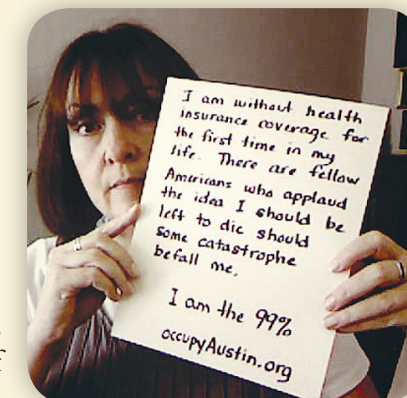


PHOTO: wearthe99percent.org

Thousands of people around the country have uploaded their stories for everyone to read. People share how they can't find a job, can't pay their bills and can't afford to go to the doctor. Telling their stories is a way to show they support the protesters—and one another.

VOICES FROM OCCUPY WALL STREET



CHRIS – a LEGO protester, who made a little “Occupy LEGO Land.”

Q: How did you come up with Occupy LEGO Land?

A: Well, first of all, everyone loves LEGOS, and they're really a lot like people, occupying their own little LEGO city. I wanted to make that connection, that's why I chose to support the protests using them.

CHARLIE – a photographer working for Newsday

Q: What is the most surprising thing that you have seen so far?

A: They live here! The people feel so strongly about the protests that they're actually living there! Also, everyone is working together, helping each other and agreeing. That's unusual when everyone is just sleeping there, and all squished together, with no boss. Another thing is the police try to stop it, like they usually do, but they haven't been able to.



GLORIA – a New York City public school resource room teacher

Q: What do you want children to know about the protests?

A: That everyone should, if something is unfair, speak out about it. That it is important to be smart, brave and to ask questions.

Q: What motivated you to come to Wall Street?

A: I think that the corporations that control Wall Street did a bad job, and I don't want them to take over our education system too.



PHOTOS: Kid Reporter Eliya Ahmad

The Global Economic Crisis: A Timeline

SEPTEMBER 2008: Global economic crisis. Banks on the verge of collapse because of bad mortgages (home loans) are given money by the government; people who owe money on those mortgages are offered no help.



DECEMBER 2010: Tunisia—Mohammed Bouazizi, 26 years old, sets himself on fire because of years of harassment by the police, starting protests against the government, forcing President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali to resign (leave office) after four weeks.

PHOTO: Wikipedia/RAIS67



JANUARY 2011: Egypt—Protests in Tahrir Square in the capital city of Cairo force President Hosni Mubarak to step down, despite violence by the government.

PHOTO: WikiMedia Commons/ Sherif9282



FEBRUARY: Wisconsin—More than 100,000 people protest against Governor Scott Walker's budget cuts and his attacks on workers' rights. Demonstrators carry Egyptian flags and signs.

PHOTO: Flickr/Barbara Miner



MAY: Greece and Spain—Thousands protest in Athens, Greece, against cuts in public spending. In Spain, more than 1,000 indignados camp out in Madrid against government spending cuts and demand a greater say in Spanish politics.

PHOTO: WikiMedia Commons/ Ingolli



SEPTEMBER 17: New York City—Occupy Wall Street begins. 1,000 people rally and march against corporate influence in politics. After the march, the protesters camp in Zuccotti Park near Wall Street.

PHOTO: WikiMedia Commons/ David Shankbone

SEPTEMBER 24: New York City—During a march to Washington Square Park, a police officer sprays two women with pepper spray; the video is posted on YouTube, giving the movement its first major publicity.

OCTOBER 13: New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, citing safety and sanitation concerns, announces that police will enter Zuccotti park at 7:00 A.M. the next morning, kicking out protesters from parts of the park while it is cleaned. Protesters see this as a trick to force them to leave for good.



OCTOBER 14: New York City—2,000 people clean the park overnight and gather in the morning to protect the park. They are not evicted.

PHOTO: Flickr/Sunset Parkerpix

OCTOBER 15: Occupy Wall Street expands across the country and the globe. Rallies take place in Sydney (Australia), Hong Kong and Taipei (China), Tokyo (Japan), Paris (France), Madrid (Spain), Berlin (Germany) and other cities.

TOP PHOTOS, left to right: Phillip Vender, David Shankbone, Jill Guerra, Jenn Friedman, Chicago Man, Jenn Friedman, Sasha Y. Kimel, Awwccupy Wall Street/Kiera C., Amanda Vender, David Shankbone

Science & Animals NEWS BRIEFS

Earth's Lost Moon

By **ALEXIA ALMONTE**, age 11

KID REPORTER



PHOTO: flickr.com/Bluedharma

Astronomers from the University of California at Santa Cruz think our moon once had a smaller sibling. Their theory is that the smaller moon was demolished when it crashed into its "big sister." This theory may explain why the moon has two sides, the smooth one which faces us and the far side which is mountainous and rugged.

Does Mythical Octopus Exist?

By **ROBERT IVKO**, age 12

KID REPORTER



PHOTO: Wikimedia Commons/Mjgiganteus

Icelandic and Norwegian legends describe a giant octopus that destroyed ships at sea: a Kraken. On October 10, **paleontologist** Mark McMenamin told the Geological Society of America that he has found proof of this ancient creature's existence, as well as the first known self-portrait by the octopus! Most paleontologists think McMenamin's proof is indirect and not conclusive. They would like to see physical evidence of the Kraken.

Paleontologist (*pey-lee-uh-n-TOL-uh-jist*): A person who studies the fossils of plants, animals and other forms of life that existed in prehistoric times.

A Planet Orbits Two Suns

By **DANIEL IVKO**, age 10

KID REPORTER



PHOTO: NASA.gov

Astronomers have recently found a binary star system, a planet that orbits two suns. The planet, Kepler-16b, was named after the telescope scientists used to discover it. It is about the size of Saturn and approximately 200 light years from Earth. However, don't get your hopes too high about people living there; the atmosphere contains toxic gases and is very cold.

1,600: That's the average number of pounds of waste each American produces in a year. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)



A new store, In.redients, will sell foods without the packaging. PHOTO: flickr.com/Joostvanderpost

Reducing GROCERY WASTE



Every year, landfills around the country receive millions of tons of waste. Almost half of that waste is packaging: the plastic, cardboard, and Styrofoam used to wrap store-bought products like food. But a new grocery store in Austin, Texas, is going to sell food without the packaging. The store is called in.redients. It will sell organic rice, spices, tea leaves, coffee beans, nuts and dried fruits, sugar and flour, milk, eggs, cheese, vegetables and meats. No packaging means less waste goes to the landfill.

How can you buy food without packaging? First, you bring your own food containers from home. Next, you weigh your empty containers, and then fill your containers with the food items that you choose. You take your filled containers to the counter and pay for the food items by weight.

When you check out, you can also select a charity you would like to benefit with a portion of your purchase.

Buying food with no packaging means not only less to throw away, it means less to recycle too. That's important because research shows that many people don't check to see if packaging is recyclable. Jonathan Asher of Perception Research Services says that shoppers think manufacturers should "provide products and packaging that they can feel good about" when it comes to protecting the environment. And that's just what in.redients hopes to do. Even though the store is not yet open, the store owners are hosting events that give the Austin community something to feel good about in the meantime, including a volunteer day, an open house and a Halloween costume party.

Book Review One World Kids Cookbook

The *One World Kids Cookbook* is a cookbook for children and their families. It was written by Sean Mendez, and includes recipes from 19 different countries including China, Brazil, Russia and Ghana. It also includes pictures and facts about each country. For example, did you know that Brazil provides one quarter of the world's coffee?

My family and I made the chicken and spinach curry from India. Making the curry was different from how we normally cook. For example, I've never used some of the spices that were used in the curry. We used bay leaves, cinnamon sticks, curry,

coriander, cardamom pods, garam masala, and fresh ginger. We were able to find all of the spices at our food co-op. Overall, I thought the curry dish was pretty good. My little sister thought it was too spicy, and we didn't even put all the hot pepper in it!

I really like the pictures that show children making each recipe. All of the recipes look very tasty, even though some of them are different from what I would normally eat.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes good food and learning. It can help kids and their families learn about other countries while cooking.

By **AMELIA LOEFFLER**, age 9

KID REPORTER

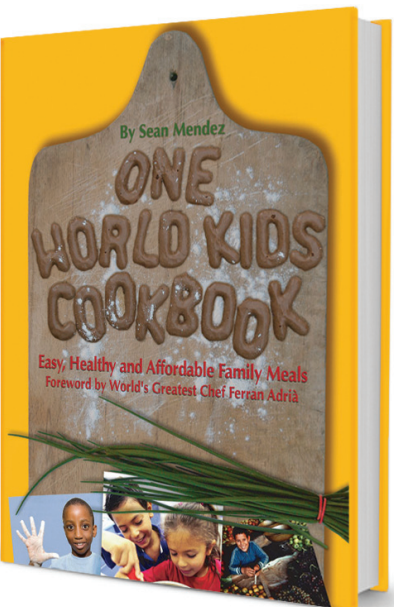


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Someday, you could be a Transit Worker, Just like: **VASILY IVKO**



Daniel Ivko: How did you get interested in this job?

Vasily Ivko: Since I was a boy I enjoyed fixing things, and doing new projects with my hands. Now as an adult I found out that you could do what you like and this could also improve the lives of other people.

DI: What is the hardest part about this job?

VI: The hardest part is when some new equipment breaks and it is really hard to fix because you didn't have experience with it yet.

DI: What is the most unique part about this job?

VI: The unique part about this job is that we help move seven million people daily. It is amazing to know that you actually helped those people that are moving from one place to another. As an immigrant from the Ukraine, in this country, after only four years I was able to start working in this job, which is the most unique part of my career.

DI: Would you recommend this job for other people?

VI: Absolutely, yes! Especially for people who like to fix stuff and meet new possibilities in America. Also, because this job will give you enough time to spend with your family at home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kids from the fifth grade at Trafalgar Elementary School, Vancouver, Canada, sent in these letters.

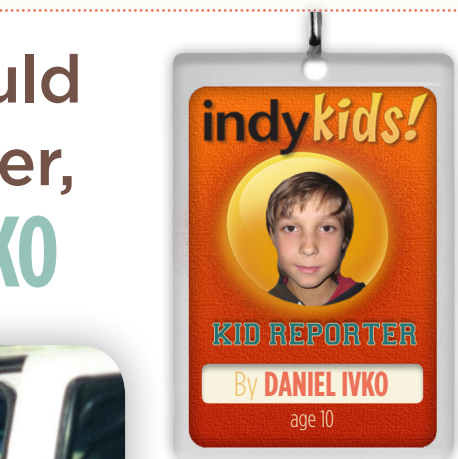
I am a chocolate lover, so when I saw "Kids Say No Cheap Labor for Chocolate" on the cover, I read carefully, and now that I've read it, I will not eat Hershey's chocolate and I have told my family about the article and your newspaper. **-Cami**

I love your article "Famine in Somalia." I'd love it if you could talk more about famine in other countries. That way my family, class and I could help them, donate food and money, because I cannot believe that so many people are hungry and I do not want anyone to die of hunger. **-Miu**

I like how the kids write about the world, but they don't write a lot about Canada and Vancouver, Ottawa, Toronto, Okanagan or Saskatoon. So maybe ask the kids to write a bit more about Canada. **-Sarah**

I read "Kids Say No Cheap Labor for Chocolate." I think that they should stop bossing the kids around. **-Cooper**

Out of all the newspapers I've ever read, yours is probably the BEST. A little suggestion is that you guys should try to put a little more detail. **-Katie**



There are many ways to be a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) workers. There are so many ways that it will not fit in the whole newspaper. Vasily Ivko is a technician for the MTA. He helps to fix all of the buses that drive around New York City continuously.

Your Turn! HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY?

IndyKids asked these kids in Manhattan, New York, how they feel about the death penalty.



I think that nobody should die. The biggest punishment that somebody should have is jail for the rest of their lives until they die naturally.

Janaya Wilder, age 12

I don't think it's fair because different people have different opinions on what is a serious crime. Some people would be unfair and prejudiced about it.

Eliya Ahmad, age 10



I think it's wrong because they might have a family who needs them.

Alexia Almonte, age 11

I feel it's right. If not for the death penalty, people will commit crimes so they have a place to sleep and eat (in prison).

Robert Ivko, age 12



I think the death penalty is good because it might stop people from committing crimes.

Daniel Ivko, age 10



Meet the Dugong!

By **KANONI WILDER**, age 9



Have you ever heard of a sea animal that is related to elephants? There is such an animal and it's called a dugong, also known as a sea cow.

DID YOU KNOW...

FACT: Dugongs live in the waters of 37 countries throughout the Indo-Pacific Ocean.

FACT: They were the inspiration behind the creation of mermaids.

FACT: Dugongs can grow up to 10 feet long!

FACT: While related to manatees, dugongs stay in the salty sea and manatees spend some time in fresh water.

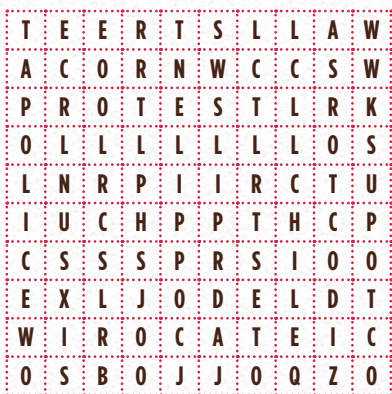
FACT: They are herbivores, meaning they eat plants.

FACT: They can live up to 70 years.

WORD SEARCH

See how many words you can find!

- Chile
- Protest
- Doctors
- Police
- Oil spill
- Wall Street
- Jobs
- Octopus
- Sun
- Acorn



By **ELIYA AHMAD**, age 10



WHO AM I?

By **JANAYAWILDER**, age 12



1. I was born in Kenya on April 1, 1940 and died on September 25, 2011.
2. I was an environmental and political activist.
3. I founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental, non-governmental organization focused on planting trees, environmental conservation and women's rights.
4. In 1986, I was awarded the Right Livelihood Award, and in 2004 I became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

The answer is on page 2.

Getting Wild with the Philippine Mouse Deer

By **ELIYA AHMAD**, age 10



Most likely you have heard of the deer. It's likely you have heard of the mouse. But have you heard of the smallest deer in the world, the Philippine Mouse Deer? Probably not. Here are some facts to get you started!

- The Mouse Deer is mainly found in the tropical country of the Philippines. Its preferred habitat is dense forest.
- This is the world's smallest hoofed mammal, standing less than 16 inches tall at the shoulders!
- The Philippine Mouse Deer eats leaves—yummy, yummy leaves!
- Speakers of Tagalog, a language native to the Philippines, call this animal by another name, "Pilandok."
- The Philippine Mouse Deer is the country's most endangered species. Its habitat is disappearing due to expanding farmland, and because it is being hunted.

RECIPE: Acorn Squash

The sweet and nutty flavors of acorn squash are perfect for the autumn months!



Ingredients:

- 1 acorn squash
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 4 teaspoons brown sugar

1. Get a microwavable bowl or plate.
2. Poke a medium-sized acorn squash in several places with a fork.

3. Bake squash whole in the microwave oven for 4 minutes. Turn over and cook 4 more minutes.
4. Cut squash in half and remove seeds.
5. Fill each center with about a teaspoon of butter and 2 teaspoons brown sugar.
6. Put back into microwave and bake for another 3 minutes or until done. It should be soft in the center.